

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/893,588

Applicant(s)

KUMAMOTO, TAKASHI

Examiner

Alonzo Chambliss

Art Unit

2827

All Participants:(1) Alonzo Chambliss.(2) Michael Plimier.**Status of Application:** Notice of allowance forthcoming.

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 22 June 2004**Time:** 1:00PM**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

103

Claims discussed:

3-10, 13-22, and 25 - 44

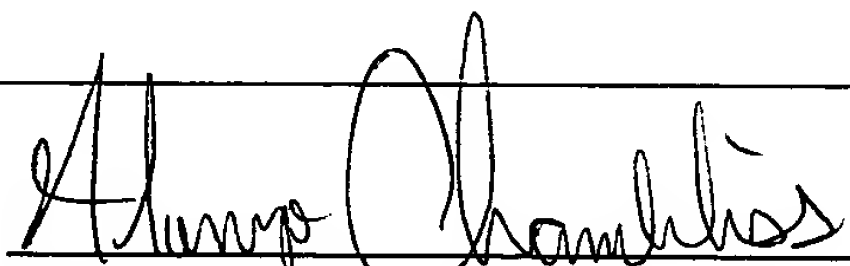
Prior art documents discussed:

US 6,338,980 and US 6,060,373

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: applicant's attorney was called to suggest changing the dependency of all claims depending on claims 4, 15, and 27 to claims 3, 13, and 25 respectively and cancel claims 4, 15, and 27 to avoid a 103 rejection based on the above US references. The attorney agreed with the suggestion and gave the examiner authorization to make these changes by examiner's amendment. A notice of allowance is forthcoming.